(b) The accumulated liabilities of Super Bazar as on 1.4.95, 1.4.96 & 1.4.97 were Rs. 22.56 crores, Rs. 24.21 crores and Rs. 22.26 crores respectively. The figures as on October 1, 1997 are not available.

(c) The Super Bazar has informed that they have not incurred any losses from 72-73 to 95-96. The accounts for 96-97 are not yet available.

CMs Conference for Implementation of PDS and TPDS in States

504. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Chief Ministers was called in the Capital on September 30, 1997 to consider implementation of the Public Distribution System and the TPDS in different States and to Consider means to make PDS benefits reach the weaker sections of society;

(b) if so, the decisions taken at the conference; and

(c) the steps taken in persuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision was taken in the Conference. However, there was a consensus on the following issues;

(i) The allocation of foodgrains to the States may be reviewed on the basis of their need. Additional allocations may be made at APL prices.

(ii) Allocation to APL families may not be reduced.

(iii) Fair Price Shop dealers' commission may be increased.

(c) Steps taken in pursuance of points of consensus arrived at in the Conference, Point-wise, are as follows;

(i) Additional allocations are being made to the States over and above the allocations fixed under TPDS keeping in view the special needs due to the deficit in foodgrains production and lack of developed foodgrains markets in certain states. With effect from 1.12.1997 the additional allocations are proposed to be made to such States at APL prices keeping in view of the twin consideration of the overall stock position and limiting the subsidy;

(ii) There is no proposal to reduce allocation to APL families.

Raising the CIP for Foodgrains

505. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased in state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to raise the Central Issue Price (CIP) of foodgrains-wheat and rice by Re. One in return doubling the quantum of foodgrains under TPDS to the persons below the poverty line from ten to twenty kg.;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the details of the decision taken on the basis of allocation to be made under TPDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No such decision has been taken. However, the CIP of Grade 'A' variety of Rice has been readjusted to Rs. 700/- per quintal against Rs. 650/- and Rs. 750/-